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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is related to co-pending application entitled DISPLAY PACKAGE AND SHIPPING SYSTEM, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10,712,278 filed November 10, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7 through page 8, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIGS. 1-6, an exemplary display package 10 of the invention is shown, with FIG. 1 being an isometric back view of an exemplary display package, FIG. 2 being an exploded isometric view, FIG. 3 being a plan view of the exterior surface of the rear package portion 12, FIG. 4 being a plan view of the interior side of the front package portion 42, FIG. 5 being a cross-section view along view lines 5-5 of FIG. 3, and FIG. 6 being a cross-section view along view lines 6-6 of FIG. 4. Display package 10 has a first (rear) package portion 12 with a first cavity portion 14 that extends outwardly from a back wall 16. First cavity portion 14 has an upper region 18 with a first engagement means 20 formed thereon. ~~An optional~~ A side wall 22 extends above back wall 16 and around a perimeter of front package portion 12 and has a upper edge 24. Optional separating tabs 26 (which can be formed as part of wall 22) extend above upper edge 24 of wall 22. Alternately, wall 22 can have higher areas and lower areas. A first interface region 28 is formed around wall 22 comprising a ridge 29 and a channel 31. Optional stabilizing feet 30 (or a single foot) can be located at a bottom end 32 of front portion 12, and extend outwardly beyond upper edge 24 of wall 22. A second (front) package portion 42 with a second cavity portion 44 that extends outwardly from a front wall 46 is provided. Second cavity portion 44 has an upper region 48 with a second engagement means 50 formed thereon. ~~An optional~~ A side wall 52 extends around a perimeter of front portion 42 and has a upper edge 54.

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A second interface region 56 is formed around side wall ~~[[22]]~~ 52 comprising a ridge 33 and a shelf 35. First interface region 28 and second interface region 56 are adapted to engage with each other by means of seating ridge 29 on shelf 35 to permit first package portion 12 and second package portion 42 to close together and retain merchandise 90 within a combined cavity portion 60 of first cavity portion 14 aligned with second cavity portion 44 as shown in FIG. 7. An optional stabilizing foot 62 (or multiple feet, not shown) can be located at a bottom end 64 of second portion package 42, and preferably will extend beyond upper edge 54 of side wall 52. The engagement means can be attached to the package portions by glue or other fastening means, or preferably may be integrally formed together with the packaging.